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POWER
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FOREIGN AGREEMENT FOR SETTING UP OF THERMAL POWER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been signed with any foreign company to set up thermal power plant in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which and the State in which these plants are likely to be set up?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : Government of India (GOI) has not entered into any agreement with any foreigncompany to set up thermal power plant in the country. However, GOI has providedcounter guarantee to 6 out of 8 identified private sector power projects promoted by foreign companies, with a view to provide financial comfort to the investors and their lenders.

(b) : The 6 projects for which GOI counter guarantee has been issued are:Dabhol (Phase-I) (740 MW), Bhadrawati (1082 MW), Jegurupadu (Phase-I) (216 MW), Visakhapatnam (1040 MW), Neyveli-Zero Unit (250 MW) and Ib Valley (Units 3 & 4) (420 MW).

(c) : The Dabhol (Phase-I) project in Maharashtra, Jegurupadu (Phase-I) inAndhra Pradesh and Neyveli-Zero Unit project in Tamil Nadu have already been commissioned. Counter guarantees given for the Bhadrawati project in Maharashtra andVisakhapatnam project in Andhra Pradesh have lapsed due to inability of the projects to comply with the required conditions. Counter guarantee given to the Ib Valley project in Orissa has also lapsed since the project parameters have been changed with the new capacity being 500 MW (Units 5 & 6). None of these three projects are likely to be commissioned in the 10th Plan.